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In re Application of :
Jurgen Zimmermann, et. al. :
Application No. 10/644,990 : ON PETITION
Filed: August 21, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 66489-027-5 . :

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 16, 2005, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to add the assignee's name on the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85(b) so that the Letters Patent will issue to the assignee.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner states that the correct assignee's name is Sirona Dental Systems GmbH and that the assignee's name was unintentionally not included on the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85(b) at the time of payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, petitioner requests that the patent issue to Sirona Dental Systems GmbH.

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

After payment of the issue fee: Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter).

¹ See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004.

The request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) was not accompanied by a request for a certificate of correction (and fee) as required by 3.81(b). As petitioner has failed to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), the request cannot be granted at this time.

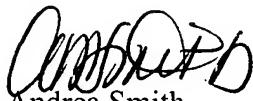
A review of Office database assignment records does not reflect that an assignment to Sirona Dental Systems GmbH was ever recorded. However, petitioner states in the petition that an assignment was attached for recordation, in accordance with 37 CFR 3.28. Therefore, upon submission of a copy of the postcard receipt itemizing the assignment document as filed on June 16, 2005 and the required certificate of correction and fee, it would be appropriate for the Office to issue a certificate of correction to correct the front page of the Letters Patent to reflect that Sirona Dental Systems GmbH was the assignee of record at the time of issuance of the application into a patent. *Note also 35 U.S.C. § 152.*

In view of the above and after issuance of this application into a patent, the Certificates of Correction Branch is instructed to issue a certificate of correction upon submission by petitioner of a request for a certificate of correction (and fee) which sets forth Sirona Dental Systems GmbH, as the assignee. *No certificate of correction will be issued which sets forth an assignee other than the assignee set forth in this request. A copy of this decision must accompany the request for a Certificate of Correction.*

No further renewed request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is necessary for consideration by the Office of Petitions for issuance of a certificate of correction in the name of the assignee set forth in this request, as this decision operates as an instruction to the Certificates of Correction Branch to issue the requested certificate of correction.

Alternatively, if petitioner desires to have the correct assignee data appear on the front page of the Letters Patent, petitioner may wish to consider filing a petition to withdraw the subject application from issue under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2). The petition to withdraw from issue under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) must be accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) and submission (which may be a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)).

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226. Any questions concerning issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificates of Correction Branch at (703) 305-8309.



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